

## LOCAL SOCIAL EVENTS

**To Chicago.**  
Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Regan leave today for Chicago where they will spend the holidays with relatives. Mr. Regan will return here after Christmas but Mrs. Regan will remain there for several weeks.

**Have Daughter.**  
Dr. and Mrs. L. D. Howard are receiving congratulations of their friends over the arrival at their home yesterday of a fine baby daughter. This is the second daughter in the family. She has been named Mary Jean.

**Pretty Play.**  
The pupils of the Fleming school gave a pretty Christmas entertainment last evening at the school auditorium which was highly enjoyed by the pupils as well as a number of patrons of the school. The proceeds of the evening will go toward paying for an Edison machine recently purchased by the school.

**To Spend Winter Here.**  
Mrs. Jane Hammond, of Mt. Lake Park, has arrived in the city and will spend the winter here. She will have apartments at the Watson hotel.

**To the South.**  
Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Watson have gone South on their annual visit. They went from here to New Orleans where they will spend a couple of weeks and will go from there to points in Florida where they will remain until spring.

## PERSONALS

Frank Hennen, of Chicago, is spending several days in this city on business and is a guest at the home of his brother, Lawrence Hennen.

Miss Ruth Fleming, who attends school in Wheeling, is at home to spend the holidays with her father, William Fleming, on Main street.

Luther Davis, who is a student at the University of Pennsylvania at Philadelphia, arrived here today to spend the holidays with his mother, Mrs. Martha Davis, on Cleveland avenue.

Harvey Reed, who is stationed at Camp Humphries, Va., has been honorably discharged and will arrive here within a few days.

Bob Maddox, who has been in the service of the government, stationed at Camp Lee, Va., is expected to arrive here within a few days, having been honorably discharged.

Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Hilderbrand have received a letter from their son, Sergeant Chauncey Hilderbrand, who is in France, stating that he was well. The letter was written since hostilities ceased.

A cablegram was received yesterday by Mrs. Darrell Linn, of Monongah, stating that her husband was well. Mr. Linn is in France.

Mrs. S. A. Brown, who had been the guest of her son, Lute Brown and her daughter, Mrs. Stella Brown Elliott, returned today to her home near Shinnston. She was accompanied by Mrs. Elliott, who will spend the holidays in Harrison county.

Jameson Meredith, who is a student at an eastern academy and who arrived here several days ago to spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. James A. Meredith, is spending several days in Washington, D. C., the guest of his cousin, Edward Alexander.

Spring Miller, who had been stationed at Camp Hancock, Ga., in the service of the government, has been honorably discharged and spent Thursday in this city en route to his home at Terra Alta. He was a guest at the home of J. M. Hartley while here.

Dr. Ernest Yost, who had been stationed at Washington, D. C., in the government service, being first at the Walter Reed hospital and later in the chemical warfare experiment station of the American University, will arrive home tomorrow, having been honorably discharged from the service. He is a son of Dr. and Mrs. D. L. L. Yost.

Miss Jean Scott and Miss Marian Rock arrived home last night from Bristol, Va., where they are students at St. Edith's academy, to spend the Christmas recess with relatives.

Miss Anna Kenney left last night for Pittsburgh, where she will be the guest of her brother, Robert Kenney, and later will go to Chicago for an extended visit.

Mrs. J. W. Devison, of Grant Town, is spending several days in Pittsburgh.

Miss Laidie Fleming, who is a student at Mt. De Chantel academy at Wheeling, has arrived home to spend the vacation.

The Rev. Father O'Reilly, assistant rector of St. Peter's Catholic church, is ill with influenza and has been removed to St. Mary's hospital at Clarkburg for treatment.

Mr. and Mrs. A. N. Crim are in receipt of a letter from their son, Harry E. Crim, who is with the American forces in France, in which he states that he is well and that he saw active service on the western front. The letter was written after hostilities ceased.

J. S. Hawkins, principal of the Miller school, left today for East Liverpool and Canton, Ohio, where he will spend the holidays with his daughter, Miss Dorothy Hawkins and Mrs. Frank Watson.

**Arrived Today.**  
W. J. Wiegall arrived home today from a visit to New York city. He was accompanied here by Miss Mary Moulds Hurst who is a student at Vassar college at Poughkeepsie, N. Y. Miss Hurst will spend the holidays here.

**Personal Workers to Meet.**  
There will be a meeting of the Personal Workers' council at the First Baptist church on Monday evening at 7:30 o'clock. The purpose of the meeting is to play for the union revival to begin early in January.

**Salvation Army Benefit.**  
The dance to be held at The Fairmont hotel on Friday evening, December 27, as a benefit for the Salvation Army nursery promises to be a brilliant affair. The hotel music and other features have been donated for the evening and the entire proceeds will be given toward the maintenance of the nursery in charge of Capt. O'Beirne. The dance will be held at The Fairmont hotel and one dollar will be charged for the tickets which are being sold by a number of the younger society set. The committee in charge of the dance is composed of Mr. and Mrs. Marie Amos, Mr. and Mrs. Morgan Chambers, Mr. and Mrs. Brooks Hutchinson, Mrs. A. C. Polk, Mrs. E. B. Moore, Miss Helen Quarrier Miller, Miss Callie Frey and Campbell Flaherty. The potpourris for the dance will be announced next week.

## Evening Chat

A friend of mine said to me today: "Do you really believe there is a life after this? I have been reading Omar Khayyam and I'm growing to agree with the chap—'Strange is it not? that of the myriads who before us passed the door of darkness through not one returns to tell us of the road, which to discover we must travel too.'"

"Don't read what Omar imagined he believed," I replied. "He was a pessimistic soul and even in the midst of his wallings prayed a prayer like this, 'And he that tossed you down into the field. He knows about it all—He knows—He knows!'"

Of course He knows. Did you ever hear a child say to his mother? "I hate you and you are a mean old thing!" Children feel that way about it often and often. Did you ever know a person who maintained calm silence in the face of all manner of calamities—an individual who possessed a disposition much like a smooth lake. God is very much like a smooth lake and there are a number of people in the world who delight to throw pebbles for the pleasure of seeing a ripple. It is an odd fact that perfect things in the world very often give birth to momentary hatred. Children dislike their parents because they try so hard and everything goes wrong while father and mother seem to always come out ahead. Grown-ups don't as a rule hate God, but they do often criticize Him and His world just because it goes so calmly and steadfastly and on and on. It grows tantalizing to many dispositions and because we are so very small, it sometimes seems big to deny a hereafter. Just now we are approaching a most perfect day in the year and unless we watch out, we are going to make it a time of give and take, so much for so is going to give me for Xmas! Unimposed that—"Run over and hint around until you find out what so and so is going to give me for Xmas! Unless she is going to give me something I'm not going to bother this year!" Many people feel that because they are expected to do so, they must present certain friends with certain gifts. Children very often play a mean game something like this—"Oh, my, I am so busy—I bought your present today—don't you wish you knew

what it was—my hat it's beautiful! Now, some mothers believe that 'young innocent' means no harm—but nevertheless, 'young innocent' knows that she will perhaps get a sure enough present in return for hers if she announces her intentions early enough. It seldom fails. The small girl to whom the remark is made goes immediately to her parent and says,—"I'll just have to buy some more presents—three more girls at school today said they had presents for me!" Mother sighs hesitatingly to call the thing what it is.

Two friends got together last week and decided to put a stop to senseless giving. For years they had presented one another with various center pieces, towels, plates and such articles. Said one of them: "Mary, let's quit! I give you something every year you don't want and you give me something I don't want and let's turn over a new leaf!" Both friends laughed heartily and agreed. When Christmas morning arrives this year these two women have decided to exchange books. "You'll each buy one of the new books. I'll give you mine and you give me yours. When we read ours, we'll exchange. As I never get enough books and as the new ones cost more than I like to spend, considering the many I would like to have, this will give us two books for the price of one apiece." As both women were fond of reading, the plan suited them exactly. What do you think of it? Frankly planning to give so much for so much, all deceitfulness in the matter was done away with.

When Xmas day dawns clear and pure instead of the usual—"I have a small gift for you, dear. Merry Xmas!" with its answer—"Just wait one moment. I have one for you too. Same to you!" These two friends will run over with the remark—"Now, tell me if you have read this—if you have I—"

It's one I have wanted to read ever since it came out. Oh, you got—I'm so glad; that's good!" No beating about the bush—just plain honest-to-goodness Christmas love and friendship. The words—err—Xmas—were forgotten. The spirit of the thing was enough!

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Pyrex Casseroles, 7 to 9-in., \$1.50 to \$3.00  
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